

**MISSION STATEMENT
HEALTH SCIENCES LIBRARY
ROGER WILLIAMS MEDICAL CENTER**

The Health Sciences Library of the hospital has as its mission to support all hospital personnel to attain excellence in the provision of health care services and to provide high quality, accessible, and cost effective care with particular emphasis on primary care, adult oncology and geriatrics.

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TECHNOLOGY PLAN

The goals of information technology are committed:

- To provide improved access to medical and allied health literature and information on a 24-hour basis.
- To promote the mission of the hospital through use of computers.
- To support training of house officers in Internal Medicine and Dermatology with access to Medline and study materials.
- To educate all hospital personnel in the use of tools, i.e., MEDLINE databases, World Wide Web sites relevant to medical information and study materials.

Equipment presently held:

- 486 Windows 3.1 computer utilized for library processing tasks and Docline order receipt and fulfillment, as well as outgoing ordering.
- 3 Compaq Deskpro workstations, Pentium processor for the purpose of accessing the Internet and, specifically, MEDLINE databases; one of these is available on a 24-hour basis to physicians, as required by accrediting organization.
- CD-ROM 6-drive tower to provide an alternative method of accessing MEDLINE via OVID system.

Equipment to be purchase in 1998:

- Additional CD-ROM drive to accommodate other products.

Future information technology considerations:

- If hospital-wide LAN is installed, new contracts will be considered to integrate library, which now uses entirely standalone versions.
- Continual review of WWW sites, such as on-line journals will be necessary.

Training:

- The Health Sciences Library staffing is 1.20 FTE so training is informal, with the Librarian taking responsibility for attending workshops to keep current; part-time staff member has a Self-Study Plan for accomplishment of MEDLINE search skills.
- Three sessions per week are available to end users in MEDLINE and World Wide Web searching techniques.